



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Room 1000, Portland, Oregon 97204 ■ Nick Fish, Commissioner ■ Michael Jordan, Director

October 20, 2015

Kristine Koch
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: The City of Portland's Position Regarding the Lower Willamette Group's Comments
to the National Remedy Review Board

Dear Ms. Koch,

On October 19, 2015, the Lower Willamette Group submitted comments to be considered at next month's National Remedy Review Board meeting regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. The City of Portland is supportive of most elements of the LWG letter, in particular the request that EPA include risk management and flexibility into the proposed remedy. However, while the City does not necessarily object to the Remedial Action Levels recommended by the LWG in its submittal, we are not supportive of the LWG recommending a remedy at this point in the process.

We want to ensure that Portlanders have a chance to participate in EPA's public comment period and voice their opinions before the City supports a preferred option for a cleanup. It is very important to the City that citizens have an opportunity to understand what the EPA's proposed cleanup plan looks like and how it will affect them. Until we know what that the plan looks like and what the public wants, it is too early for the City to join in the selection of a specific remedial action.

We look forward to seeing the proposed plan and working with EPA towards a Record of Decision.

Sincerely,

Michael Jordan, Director
City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services

cc: Cami Grandinetti, EPA